

House Resolution No.

Whereas, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives hold in high esteem those Show-Me State residents who bring glory and honor to themselves and to this great state through the excellence of their achievements in national competitive venues; and

Whereas, David Cook of Lee's Summit, Missouri, has attained considerable distinction as the Top Finalist on the Fox reality series "American Idol"; and

Whereas, on May 9, 2008, David Cook will enhance his already impressive record of accomplishment when he is the guest of honor for a homecoming parade that will be held in Blue Springs; and

Whereas, a graduate of Blue Springs South High School, David Cook also attended Thomas Ultican Elementary and Georgeff-Baker Middle schools before completing a degree in graphic design at the University of Central Missouri in Warrensburg; and

Whereas, while in high school, David Cook played baseball for the Blue Springs Bombers and participated in the school's theater program in "Singin' in the Rain", "The Music Man", "West Side Story", and "The Taming of the Shrew"; and

Whereas, now an aspiring musician, David Cook was introduced to musical performance by second-grade music teacher Fredalyn Gentry at Thomas Ultican Elementary School; and

Whereas, David Cook is justifiably proud also to be known as the son of Beth, step-son of Charles, sibling of Adam and Andrew, step-brother of Jenna, brother-in-law of Kendra, and uncle of Gracie; and

Whereas, the community of Blue Springs has generated a lot of support for David Cook during his run on "American Idol", including weekly watch parties at the Hilton Garden Inn and other locations, specially printed t-shirts, and the Blue Springs Chamber of Commerce homecoming parade on May 9, 2008:

Now, therefore, be it resolved that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-fourth General Assembly, join unanimously to applaud the personal and artistic accomplishments garnered thus far in the life and work of David Cook and to convey to him this legislative body's most heartfelt congratulations upon becoming the Top Finalist on "American Idol"; and

Be it further resolved that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of Representatives be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution for presentation to David Cook of Lee's Summit, Missouri.

Offered by _____

Representative Brian Yates
District No. 56

Representative Gary Dusenberg
District No. 54

Representative Bryan Pratt
District No. 55

I, Rod Jetton, Speaker of the House of Representatives, Ninety-fourth General Assembly, Second Regular Session, do certify that the above is a true and correct copy of House Resolution No. _____, adopted _____, 2008.

Rod Jetton, Speaker